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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/583,223	Applicant(s) BURMEISTER ET AL.	
	Examiner MIRELLYS JAGAN	Art Unit 2855	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 8, 13, 14, 16-18, 24 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9-12, 15, 19-23 and 25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 June 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 7-26 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claims 7 and 17, “three lines” should be changed to --at least three lines-- in order to provide proper antecedent basis for the limitations recited in dependent claims 10, 14, and 24.

Claims 8-16 and 18-26 are objected to for being dependent on an objected base claim.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 7, 8, 13-18, 24, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,317,520 to Castle.

Castle discloses a temperature measuring transducer comprising:

a variable electrical resistor (24) having variable resistance that depends on temperature;

and

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an evaluation device (22) connected to the variable resistor by at least three lines through which the lines can be checked for a line break (abstract; figure 1);

wherein, for a break in a first of two lines which are connected on the same side of the variable resistor, a measurement of the resistance value using the first line is performed with the second line by routing the current conducted through the variable resistor via the second line and by tapping off the falling voltage associated with the second line; the evaluation device compensates for the influence of the resistance of the second line (column 2, line 2-column 3, line 6; column 3, lines 17-32); the physical variable is temperature; the evaluation device is connected to the variable resistor by four lines; and tapping off the falling voltage enables the measuring result value to not be influenced by a voltage drop at the measuring lines; a current is applied to the resistor; the evaluation device evaluates an associated voltage drop across the resistor; and the evaluated voltage drop of the variable resistor is correlated with the associated temperature to be measured.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 9-12, 19-23, and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and amended to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the following in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims:

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A temperature measuring transducer, wherein the evaluation device further comprises a switchable current source switchable to either the first or second line (claim 9).

A method for measuring a temperature, wherein the evaluation device further comprises a switchable current source wherein the current source for line checking is switchable to either the first or second line (claim 19).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MIRELLYS JAGAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-2247. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 9:30 AM-8 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lisa Caputo can be reached on 571-272-2388. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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